

Faculty Senate Budget and Planning Committee  
Minutes of the meeting 19 March 2007

Present: N. Schrick, S. McMillan, C. White, C. DeBelius, S. Blackwell, J. Nolt, G. Bogue, D. Barlow

Absent:, W. Kuo, G. Kuney

Guest: Jay Whelan

Meeting called to order at 8:30 in room 203 BAS.

- 1) Minutes of the February 19 meeting were reviewed and approved. McMillian motioned that minutes be approved; seconded by Blackwell. Unanimous approval.
- 2)
  - a) Faculty Compensation Task Force. Committee beginning to focus in the area of assistant professors' starting salaries, compression issues at all levels and merit.
  - b) B&P faculty salary report being completed and will be ready for April meeting. McMillian reminded the chair of the administrative salary issue. Schrick stated that he would check on that analysis.
  - c) Budget hearings and Holub's comments. Bogue mentioned the negativity of deans presenting information related to "decreases" in budget at these hearings. Nolt mentioned concerns with increases in administrative hirings. The definition of faculty lines was again discussed and explained (?). It was also mentioned that these empty lines are often used for operating by departments (and needed as such). The committee will meet with the Provost on March 26 in AH Tower, 4<sup>th</sup> floor conference room.
- 2) Old Business
- 3) New Business
  - a) Faculty F/A. White and Whelan lead a discussion on F/A from G&C activity and the "wastefulness" of spending due to budget cycle constraint (end of year spending). Examples were presented from Memphis. Committee members will gather data and discuss more, especially the establishment of "bridge" accounts and the need for a written policy.
- 4) The meeting was adjourned at 10:00.